

Claims

1. A water-soluble container comprising at least one first compartment, said one or each first compartment containing a composition that comprises less than 5 wt% free water, and a second compartment containing a second composition, wherein the second composition generates a gas on exposure to the atmosphere or water, and more than 50% of the surface area of the second compartment is enclosed by the first compartment or first compartments.
2. A container according to claim 1 wherein at least 60% of the surface area of the second compartment is enclosed by the first compartment.
3. A container according to claim 1 or 2 wherein the second composition is moisture-sensitive.
4. A container according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the first composition is substantially devoid of any component which, when coming into contact with the second composition, would generate a gas.
5. A container according to any one of the preceding claims wherein the first composition comprises less than 3 wt% free water.
6. A container according to claim 5 wherein the first composition is anhydrous.
7. A container according to any one of the preceding claims wherein the first composition is a liquid.

8. A container according to any one of the preceding claims wherein the first composition is transparent.

5 9. A container according to any one of the preceding claims which comprises a gas release means.

10. A container according to claim 9 wherein the second compartment comprises a gas release means.

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11. A container according to any one of the preceding claims wherein the first compartment has been formed by thermoforming or injection-moulding.

15 12. A container according to any one of the preceding claims wherein the first compartment is sealed with a sealing member, and wherein the sealing member comprises the second compartment containing the second composition.

20 13. A container according to any one of the preceding claims wherein the first compartment and/or the second compartment is formed of a poly(vinyl alcohol).

14. A container according to any one of the preceding
25 claims wherein the first composition is a detergent composition.

15. A container according to any one of the preceding claims wherein the second composition is a solid.

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16. A container according to claim 15 wherein the second composition is a compressed solid which is enclosed by a film or coating of a water-soluble polymer.

5 17. A container according to any one of the preceding claims wherein the second composition comprises a bleaching agent.

18. A process for producing a container as defined in any
10 one of the preceding claims, which comprises:

i) forming an open container, at least partially filling the container with the first composition and with the second compartment containing the second composition and sealing the container; or

15 ii) forming an open container, at least partially filling the container with the first composition and sealing the container with a sealing member comprising the second composition.